T. H. Census Reports
1829-1835

1st CENSUS OF THE TOWN OF TERRE HAUTE, OCT. 9th, 1829

	Whole no.	Male	Female
Daniel H. Johnson	7	4	3
Wm. C. Linton	12	5	7
James Wasson (Musson?)	17	13	4
Britain M. Harrison	2	1	1
James Boyd	3	2	1
Joseph Hogue (Haynes?)	5	4	1
Salmon Wright	5	2	3
Ezekiel Baxton	9	6	3
Henry Allen	7	3	4
Mrs. Barnett	7	4	3
Wm. Hogue	7	3	4
Thos. Rogers	5	3	2
Mrs. Jacques	5	1	4
Mrs, Angier	5	1	4
C. Patrick	6	3	3
Thos. Parsons	4	3	1
Mrs. M. Hodge	9	5	4
E. Tillotson	5	3	2
Wm. Haynes	9	6	3
John Cosnel	4	2	2
John Cosnel	4	3	1
Willis Cosnel	4	3	1
Henry Brasher (Brasher?)	4	2	2
S. Edmunds	5	3	2
Wm. Fennimore	4	2	2
C. W. Welman	3	2	1
Lewis Redford	3	2	1
Price Cousins	4	3	1

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INDIANA ROOM
REFERENCE
DO NOT CIRCULATE

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	Whole no.	Male	Female
D. Bryant	3	2	1
Josiah C. Shinn	4	3	1
George W. Rable (Ruble?)	9	6	3
C.B. Modesett	7	4	3
R.S. McCabe	8	6	2
John Britton	7	5	2
R. Redford	11	4	7
R. Brasher	5	3	2
Francis Cunningham	16	10	6
L.H. Scott	5	3	2
Wm. W. Sullivan	5	2	3
Hannah Austil	1		1
Jas. Bradt	4	2	2
E.V. Ball	7	4	3
J.W. Osborn & A. Kinney	11	7	4
S. McQuilkin	10	6	4
Matthew Stewart	9	6	3
Asa Smith	5	2	3
Ambrose S. Hovey	2	1	1
Wm. McConnell	8	6	2
Gershorn Jacques	7	4	3
Wm. Coltrin	3	2	1
F.J. King	7	5	2
A.A. Fuller	5	2	3
Wm. Moss (Mara?)	8	5	3
Ben. VanDergriff	4	1	3
Jos. East	2	1	1

	Whole no.	Male	Female
Mrs. Desbrough	1		1
R. Montgomery	12	7	5
Rebecca Lewis	3	1	2
Mecom McFadden	11	4	7
Jno. Davey	4	2	2
Asa Osborn	7	3	4
G. Ellison	5	2	3
John Sibley & Sqr Sibley	13	11	2
Thomas Mounts	5	2	3
John Peters	6	4	2
A.A. Markle	8	3	5
Jno. Reeves	6	1	5
Sam'l. McIntire	3	2	1
T.C. Cone	5	3	2
Eph. Ross	7	3	4
Ransom Miller	12	9	3
L. Tillotson	5	1	4
J.V. Hauser (Haner?)	6	5	1
T. Almy	4	2	2
Russell Ross	7	4	3
Joseph Sutton	4	3	1
Mrs. Sniffin (Kniffin)	3	2	1
Ziba Wolcott (Wolcott?)	8	5	3
C. Scranton	4	1	3
J. Hannah	6	3	3
Abner Lewis	3		
Wm. Herring	4	1	3
Enoch Dole	14	8	6
David D. Bass	3		

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	Whole no.	Male	Female
Wm. Taylor	4	2	2
Wm. Probst	5	3	2
C. Crawford	12	6	6
J.B. McCall	7	5	2
Moody Chamberlin & Mrs. Biddle (Riddle)	11	7	4
J.F. Cruft	10	6	4
Mr. J. Farrington	3	1	2
Joseph Thayer	1	1	

Total _____

579

REFERENCE
DO NOT CIRCULAT

Sunday, April 30, 1950.

First Census Of Terre Haute Gave Us About 579 Residents

SOME OF THE EARLY COMERS.

By A. R. Markle.

When Terre Haute was founded in 1816, it had no population whatever, but by 1828, a private census showed we had a population of 579 and seven years later, this had grown to 1,214 and in 1840. In less than a quarter of a century the population had risen, according to the federal census of that year, to a total of 2,300.

Quite naturally the increase after 1828 may have included many births, but the population of 579 in that year would have been, to a large extent, made up of newly arrived men and women.

Even before the founding of the town, we had still earlier settlers in our vicinity, notably the family of Thomas Turman, who was well established in the northern part of the present Sullivan county when General Harrison camped there one night in 1811 and who built, a few days later, Fort Harrison. Also there was Moses Hoggatt who, in the summer of 1816, had outbuildings, pastures and orchards at the present site of Prairieton testifying to an earlier residence at that point. Curtis Gilbert was at the Fort in 1815.

The prominent bend in the river just north of the present Big Four bridge, had for some time been known as Gordon's Bend, but this, like the little Indian village on the site of the present water works, lost it's right to the name when the near-by dwellers moved on with the march of civilization.

First Permanent Settlers.

In the summer of 1815 a party from the Genessee country in New York came to look over the land which would soon be thrown open to settlement. Among this party were Joseph Richardson, Abraham Markle and at least one other man whose name has been lost. They returned the next year by flat-boat from the headwaters of the Alleghaney river in New York and down the Ohio and up the Wabash to become permanent settlers. Several families from New York came here at the same time in boat belonging to Capt. Daniel Stringham. Only one of these families, the Redfords, remained in this locality, the others going west or south to find their homes, while Captain Stringham lived and died in Parke county, leaving numerous descendants in that county and in Montgomery county to the north.

Soon after their arrival came others, some from New York, some from Pennsylvania and Ohio and still more from Kentucky.

Among the latter was Ezra Jones, whose letter dated Aug. 12, 1816, to his son in Kentucky is in the possession of Mrs. B. B. White.

Later Comers.

The Jenckes' came from Rhode Island, the head of the family dying soon after his arrival and other members of the family followed him here soon after. Their home was on the site of the present Highland Lawn Cemetery where in 1818 they had a distillery. It was this same distillery which in 1821 was a landmark noted by the surveyors on the state Road from Indianapolis to Terre Haute. Joseph H. Jenckes served the neighborhood for many years in various capacities. An early Associate Judge of the Circuit Court, a cashier of the Branch Bank, the county librarian and an educator. He was also a priest of the Episcopal church.

Mrs. Sallie Hughes, one time Fairbanks librarian, rescued from a junk heap two of the early journals so carefully kept by him and later a third copy was found. These three volumes, covering much of the early commercial history of the city are now in the library.

Judge James Farrington also came out of New England and was a banker, a lawyer and owner of considerable real estate in the town. He and his family were boarding in the old Prairie House when his son, George, was born. His first residence was on the northwest corner of Third and Wabash where now stands the Shandy Building, originally know as the Farrington block. When his house burned he boarded at the Prairie House until his residence in the country, now at Fifth and Park, was ready for occupancy.

Dr. John Durkee came to the county in January of 1818. He was an early buyer of land in the new town and married Corrinna, daughter of Caleb Crawford. He owned outlot No. 38 which was bounded by Fifth, Sixth, Ohio and Walnut streets, and built thereon a brick house in the middle of the block facing St. Joseph's Church. After two removals, this house now stands facing Ohio street and is occupied by the Maumee Collieries. He sold this in 1827 to David Linton for $150.00.

Samuel Barnes Gookins came to Terre Haute in 1823 from New York by way of Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, the Maumee and Wabash rivers with his mother and a brother. This was the first party to arrive by that route and as a boy he worked for the Western Register later married Osborn's daughter, studied law, was an editor of the Register and on a Supreme Court bench. His mother, Rhoda (Munger), died soon after her arrival and was buried in the Lone Tree cemetery, now known as Grandview.

Chauncey Rose was born in Wethersfield, Conn. As he reached manhood, he acquired a thousand dollars and looked over successively Chillicothe, Redstone, Lexington, Vincennes, Terre Haute, and finally settled on Raccoon creek in what is now Parke county. Here he built a mill which operated for many years and laid out a town which he named Roseville. While a citizen he ran for office and smarting under defeat came to Terre Haute in 1823 where he accumulated his fortune in real estate, railroads, the canal and a number of commercial enterprises. He died in 1877 in the old house which stood on the present site of the Laboratory School.

Judge Demas Deming, too, was one of the New Englanders who came to Terre Haute quite early. He was a director of the old Branch Bank and held the controlling interest in the First National Bank which had been organized in 1863 by the Williams brothers.

These brothers had organized the Southern Bank of Indiana in the old brick building at Second and Ohio which was demolished for the present city hall. They moved from there to the new Warren Block at the southwest corner of Fourth and Wabash, later moved across Fourth street and organized the First National Bank.

Here his son Demas, who had been asociated with W. R. McKeen in the firm of McKeen & Deming, at Third and Wabash, joined his father and was for many years, until his death, president of that bank. Under his supervision the bank building which is now the Branch of the Terre Haute First National Bank was built in 1894.

T.H. Population CENSUS

The Star, Terre Haute, Ind., Thursday, September 9, 1971.

Toddler Census Figures Show Decrease Here

Signs that Terre Haute deserves a high grade in attempts to ward off the threatened population explosion were indicated in a report released Wednesday by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

According to the report, Terre Haute had a 22 per cent reduction in the under-five age group population in 1970, compared to the 1960 census figures, while increases were noted at all other levels.

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Total toddlers in the city numbered 12,882 in 1970, more than 3,600 less than the pre-school population of 1960. The average reduction in total population for that age group was 16.1 per cent for Indiana.

The news should be welcomed by school administrators throughout the state who have been faced annually with increased numbers of youngsters entering school for the first time.

The report noted the total Indiana population jumped from 4.6 million to 5.1 million. Recorded births have shown a steady decline since 1964 when they dropped below 100,000, compared to more than 105,000 the first five years of the decade.

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Other cities in Indiana were given, including the 1970 figure for the under-five group, 1960 figures and percentage reduction.

Anderson, 12,459, 14,138, down 11.9 per cent.

Evansville, 18,217, 24,771, down 33 per cent.

Fort Wayne 26,336, 29,150, down 9.7 per cent.

Gary, 16,232, 23,782, down 31.7 per cent.

Hammond, 9,268, 13,769, down 31.7 per cent.

East Chicago, 4,210, 7,760, down 45.7 per cent.

Indianapolis, 99,748, 115,868, down 13.9 per cent.

Lafayette - West Lafayette, 9,380, 10,195, down 8 per cent.

Muncie, 11,505, 12,675, down 9.2 per cent.

South Bend, 23,214, 29,865, down 22.3 per cent.